

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
October 13, 2020

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:05 PM by President James Michael Bowers at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: James Michael Bowers, Sean Flowerday, Dustin Loy, Tom Randa, Jasmine Kingsley, Katie Garcia, Stacie Bleicher, Stephanie Jarrett, Rick Tast (ex-officio), and Adelle Burk (ex-officio).

Members Absent: Jacqueline Miller, Jenifer Holloway (ex-officio)

Staff Present: Pat Lopez, Christina Hitz, Tim Timmons, Jesse Davy, David Humm, Scott Holmes, Bernice Afuh, Raju Kakarlapudi, and Angel Edwards.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any corrections to the Agenda. No corrections were requested.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Loy to approve the agenda as printed. Second by Mr. Flowerday. Motion carried by a 8-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes. No corrections were requested.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Bleicher that the October 13, 2020 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Garcia. Motion carried by a 8-0 roll call vote.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Lopez gave a brief update on the Health Department Divisions:

- In Animal Control dog bite numbers are down but bat calls have been increasing.
- The WIC Office is continuing with zoom and phone appointments.
- Community Health Services plans to expand lead screening along with additional grant funding.
- Hazmat response and disposal will continue with the “Mobile Collection”.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Item)

A. Community Influenza Vaccination Update

The Public Health Nursing Supervisor, Bernice Afuh, explained that this year will have a greater volume in flu vaccination than the previous year. Nebraska DHHS asked the Health Department to participate in additional grant funding from the CDC with a goal to vaccinate as many people as possible. On-site vaccination at schools will continue this year along with additional community visits. City and County employees will be able to receive flu vaccine at work sites. The Department is planning on creating a drive-thru site and a schedule will be posted to the website. A Vaccine Advisory Group was recently formed to set goals, time frames, agendas and prioritize recipients. Dr. Loy and Dr. Bleicher participated in the advisory group. One of the problems they are facing is that there is no record of a flu shot when given at a Pharmacy.

B. COVID-19 Update

The Communicable Disease Supervisor, Tim Timmons, spoke about the pattern of increasing numbers of positive cases throughout the state and the country. Hospital capacity is one of the major concerns moving forward along with continuing the mask mandate and social distancing. Small gatherings of friends and family seem to be one of the highest community spreaders. Restaurants are implementing the “Dine-Out” template to help reduce density and there will be limited numbers for gatherings and no tailgating. The data will determine whether or not the dial moves to severe.

VI. FUTURE BUSINESS

November – Hot Spots of Urban Development

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – December 8, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Dr. Loy that the meeting adjourn. Second by Dr. Garcia. Motion carried by a 8-0 roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Angel Edwards
Recording Secretary

Katie Garcia, DDS
Vice President